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Summer leaves
green
traces on the corners of your
Polaroid prints
and postcards from
scout camp.

It speckles stars on
your skin,
touching you with
a testimony to the
trance.

Sometimes,
summer wakes you slightly,
slipping storm clouds
over your seaside,
rustling the sheets of waves,
but not quite nudging your neurons
from the haze.

But when you wake in winter,
brain as sharp as razor ice,
how else can you know
what you carried in your cortex?
only rapid eye movement
may bring memories
of the sun.